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1. BELGIAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IS CONFIRMED TO BE SAME AS GIVEN IN PARA (2) OF REFTEL WITH TWO ADDITIONS: HUGO PAEMEN, CHIEF OF MINFORAFFAIRS PRESS SECTION (PERSONAL RANK COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY WHO RANKS IN PRECEDENCE BETWEEN JACQUES VAN YPERSELE AND MARCEL FREROTTE) AND JACQUEST DE CROTTE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IMF (BASED IN WASHINGTON AND RANKS LAST IN PRECEDENCE).

2. POTENTIAL PRECEDENCE PROBLEM EXISTS IN REGARD TO ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY JACQUES VAN YPERSELE. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (BRUSSELS TELS 808 AND 788) PARTICIPATION OF MINFIN DE CLERCQ WAS MATTER OF DISPUTE WITHIN GOB. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT DE CLERCQ WILL NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER HE HAS FORMALLY DESIGNATED VAN YPERSELE AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GOB MAY THEREFORE WISH HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN EVENTS (I.E. WHITE HOUSE STAG WORKING DINNER) AS ONE OF PRINCIPAL DELEGATION MEMBERS. WHO AMONG SENIOR FIVE (VAN ELSLANDE, LORIDAN VAN DER MEULEN, OCKRENT, DAVIGNON) HE WOULD REPLACE OR WHETHER BELGIANS WILL ASK FOR SIX PLACES IS NOT YET DECIDED. THIS MATTER APPEARS TO BE CONTENTIOUS INTERNAL ISSUE FOR BELGIANS. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MAY OBTAIN FINAL BELGIAN DECISION AS TO PRECEDENCE FROM DAVIGNON, THYSBAERT, OR VAN YPERSELE.

3. BELGIAN DELEGATION TO PREPCON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 WILL BE DAVIGNON, VAN DER MUELEN, OCKRET, VAN YPERSELE. HOWEVER THYSBAERT OF MINFORAFFAIRS OFFICE INFORMS US THAT CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THAT LIST ARE STILL POSSIBLE.

4. BELGIAN DELEGATION (APART FROM LORIDAN AND DE CROTTE WHO ARE IN WASHINGTON) WILL DEPART BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 9 AT 0950 HOURS FOR LONDON, AND THENCE BY PAA TO WASHINGTON ARRIVING AT 1550 HOURS LOCAL TIME. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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